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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: Italian Concern over the Activities of the
Committee for Free Albania

1. Your memorandum dated 15 December 1950 (SO DB 32241) was read with considerable interest.

2. Although the Italians are undoubtedly interested in the work of the National Committee for Free Albania, it would appear that their main concern is over the activities of the British and their objectives in Albania, as well as the manner of British exploitation of the Committee for Free Albania in pursuance of those objectives.

3. In point of fact, the work of the National Committee for Free Albania is pretty much known so that any Italian penetration of the Committee headquarters or attempt to "corrupt a member of the Committee" would appear to be a wasted effort.

4. From our knowledge of the work of the Committee and in particular of the Committee's cooperation with the British, we believe that any Italian misgivings or suspicions of sinister designs to achieve the "partition of Albania" are completely unfounded. Insofar as we are aware, all leaflets dropped over Albania are prepared by the National Committee for Free Albania; and we know of no instance where the British prepared their own leaflets or tampered with the texts of any leaflet prepared by the Committee. In this connection it would be of extreme interest if the Italian Intelligence were able to supply a sample of the leaflet referred to in your memorandum.

5. It would be appreciated if you could keep us informed of any further developments or information of which you may become cognizant in regard to this matter.

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